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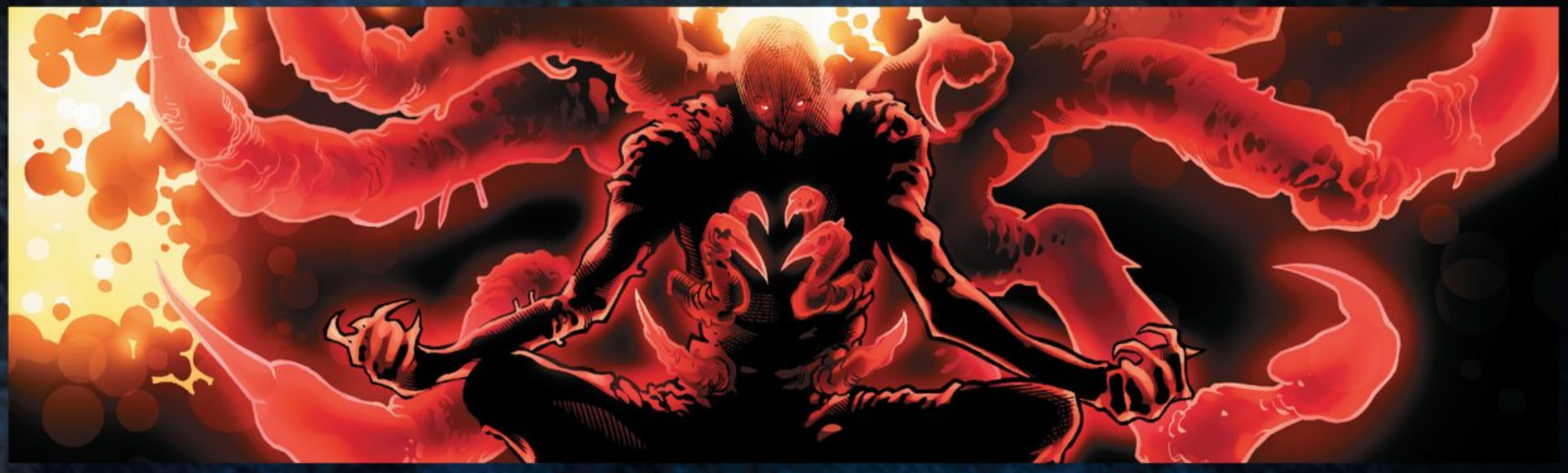

NORMAN OSBORN, ONCE THE GREEN GOBLIN, IS THE NEW POLITICAL AND MEDIA DARLING AND DIRECTOR OF H.A.M.M.E.R., THE NATIONAL PEACEKEEPING TASK FORCE, WHICH INCLUDES HIS OWN TEAM OF AVENGERS.

NORMAN HAS UNVEILED HIS NEW IDENTITY AS THE IRON PATRIOT AND HAS MADE BOLD MOVES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES TO REMAKE THE COUNTRY'S STATUS QUO INTO HIS IMAGE OF JUSTICE AND FAIRNESS–AN IMAGE THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE MUTANT, MONSTER OR VIGILANTE.

THE MIGHTY THOR, GOD OF THUNDER, HAS RECENTLY RETURNED TO EARTH AND BROUGHT THE GOLDEN CITY OF ASGARD AND ALL THE GODS WHO CALL IT HOME WITH HIM. ASGARD FLOATS JUST FEET ABOVE THE FIELDS OF BROXTON, OKLAHOMA.

WITH THE COAXING OF THOR'S BROTHER LOKI, NORMAN AIMS HIS SIGHTS ON ASGARD. AFTER MANUFACTURING AN INCIDENT THAT GAVE HIM AN EXCUSE TO INVADE, NORMAN DOES, IN FULL FORCE, BACKED BY HIS DARK AVENGERS, THE CORRUPTED CRIMINAL INITIATIVE TEAMS AND CONVENTIONAL H.A.M.M.E.R. FORCES–AND IN FRONT OF THE INVITED WORLD MEDIA. HIS FIRST ACT, GANGING UP ON THOR ON LIVE TELEVISION, ONLY SERVES TO ENRAGE THE HEROES ALIGNING AGAINST NORMAN, INCLUDING THE NEWLY RESURRECTED CAPTAIN AMERICA, STEVE ROGERS.

ARRIVING IN THE WAKE OF THE GRISLY DEATH OF THE GOD OF WAR ARES AT THE HAND OF THE DERANGED SENTRY, NORMAN'S ATTACK DOG, CAPTAIN AMERICA LEADS THE REUNITED AVENGERS, INCLUDING HIS ESTRANGED TEAM-MATE IRON MAN, TO COUNTER NORMAN'S FORCES.

IN A BATTLE THAT TOPPLES THE FLOATING CITY OF ASGARD ITSELF, THE ASSEMBLED HEROES DEFEAT NORMAN'S TROOPS AND REVEAL HIM TO STILL BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF HIS VILLAINOUS ALTER EGO, THE SINISTER GREEN GOBLIN.

BUT THAT WAS ALL JUST A PRELUDE TO THE REVELATION THAT THE ALL-POWERFUL SENTRY IS AN OUT OF CONTROL FORCE OF NATURE KNOWN AS THE VOID. HE CANNOT BE KILLED...HE CANNOT BE STOPPED...

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FATHER...

PLEASE BELIEVE ME...

I DID NOT MEAN FOR *THIS* TO HAPPEN.

ASGARD HAS FALLEN.

AS IF RAGNAROK ITSELF HAD WASHED OVER YOUR KINGDOM.

ASGARD IS NO MORE. AND IT IS MY FAULT.

I LED THIS BATTLE TO YOUR DOOR.

NOT TO RUIN ASGARD BUT TO *SAVE* IT.

IF YOU CAN HEAR ME, FATHER, DO KNOW, THOUGH MISCHIEF IS MY WEAPON...

...I MEANT ONLY FOR ASGARD TO RULE IN GREATNESS AS IT HAS DONE IN THE PAST.

I COULD NOT PERCEIVE OF THESE MERE MORTALS ADDING SUCH MADNESS.

I COULD NOT SEE THAT THIS MONSTER WAS SO ALL-POWERFUL.

GIVE ME THIS ONE CHANCE, FATHER.

LET ME SAVE ASGARD.

LET ME HOLD THE STONES OF NORN ONCE MORE.

LET ME CAST OUT THE POWER OF MY IMAGININGS TO THOSE MORTALS WHO WOULD DEFEND OUR HONOR.

PLEASE, FATHER...

LET THESE HEROES RISE.

BOTH ASGARDIAN AND MORTAL.

TOGETHER. EMPOWERED.

LET THEM FIGHT.

LET THEM SAVE US.

UM, YOU GUYS FEELING THIS?

I THINK WE'RE GETTING A SECOND CHANCE, IRON MAN.

I'M A BIG FAN OF THOSE.

AND A SECOND CHANCE IS ALL THE MIGHTY HAMMER OF THOR WILL NEED.

UH-OH!

I THINK SOMEONE'S ABOUT TO GET BEAT DOWN LIKE NO ONE HAS EVER BEEN BEAT DOWN BEFORE.

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LET THEIR AIM BE TRUE.

AAAIIIRRRGGHH!

KZAAAAMMM

OKAY, THIS I LIKE.

BATTERY'S CHARGED, SYSTEMS ON.

HIT HIM EVERY WHICH WAY, AVENGERS!

EVERY DIRECTION. EVERYTHING YOU GOT!

DON'T LET UP!

ZAAAATTTT

YOU HEARD THE GUY IN THE TIN CAN, WARRIORS! GET UP THERE AND TAKE HIM DOWN!

YO, DAISY, DO WE GET TO KEEP THESE NEW POWERS WHEN WE'RE DONE?

LET'S JUST WORRY ABOUT THE MOMENT, SHALL WE?

I CAN'T BELIEVE LOKI DID THIS. HE TOOK OUR POWER AWAY AND GAVE IT TO THEM!

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU CAN'T BELIEVE IT.

LISTEN TO ME, PARKER, IT'S TIME WE GO. WE GO NOW.

WHAT'S GOING ON, MAN?

HOOD?!

HHMMRR!

THIS IS WRONG!

YES.

YOU HEROES AREN'T PLAYING FAIR.

THIS IS A TRICK.

SLLICEEE

YOU TOOK DOWN ASGARD, DEMON!

NOW FEEL THE POWER OF MY FATHER AND HIS FATHER BEFORE HIM!

KRAKKABOOM

OH, NO.

HUH.

YOU'D THINK THAT WOULD PRETTY MUCH TAKE CARE OF IT, BUT--

YOUR NEW POWERS...

THIS ISN'T A TRICK, IS IT?

IT'S MISCHIEF.

MISCHIEF.

LOKI.

YOU WILL PAY FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE HERE, MONSTER!

MAGIC ROCKS?

NO. WE WON'T BE HAVING ANY OF THAT.

AVENGERS!

HHAASRRGGH!

LOKI!

I'M SORRY, BROTHER.

UH-OH.
SO MUCH FOR THE POWER UPGRADE.
WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
IT MEANS WE'RE SCREWED.
ON YOUR FEET, SOLDIERS!
YOU'VE ATTACKED THE HOUSE OF ODIN, VILE ONE!
KRAKAKOOM

NNN--!

TANG

OSBORN, HOW DID YOU CONTROL HIM? HOW DO YOU STOP HIM?

I--I SYMPATHIZED.

WHAT IS HE?

HE'S THE ANGEL OF DEATH.

IF YOU *EVER* WANT TO BREATHE FRESH AIR AGAIN, YOU'LL TELL ME HOW TO STOP HIM!

YOU--YOU CAN'T.

HE'S THE ANGEL OF DEATH.

THOR, CAN YOU GET HIM OUT TO THE FIELDS?!

AWAY FROM THE CITY?!

HELICARRIER STATUS: INTERFACE NANOLOCK OVERRIDE COMMENCED.

HELICARRIER, THIS IS TONY STARK. IS ANYONE LEFT ON BOARD?

THIS IS VICTORIA HAND. EVACUATION IS UNDERWAY.

STATUS: INTERFACE NANOLOCK OVERRIDE DETECTED.

I AM TAKING CONTROL OF YOUR SHIP.

YOU HAVE TEN SECONDS TO GET YOUR BONY ASS OFF IT, LADY.

TEN SECONDS?!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TEN SECONDS?

I'M TURNING IT INTO A BULLET.

@#$!

SPOCK

RRAAA!

NIH NGUH!

KTANG

BE STILL, MORTAL.

EVERYONE ANSWERS FOR THEIR SINS THIS DAY.

WOOF!

WELL DONE.

NOT BAD FOR OLD ARMOR.

YOU OKAY?

I am not.

WELL... LOOK AT THAT.

DID, UH, DID I DO THIS?

YES, BOB.

WOULD YOU PLEASE...

PLEASE...

KILL ME?

NO.

PLEASE.

YOU WILL LIVE TO PAY FOR YOUR CRIMES, ROBERT REYNOLDS.

YOU WILL LIVE TO SEE PENANCE FOR THE DEATH OF MY BROTHER.

FOR THE FALL OF MY HOME.

FOR THE BETRAYAL OF ALL THE AVENGERS STAND FOR.

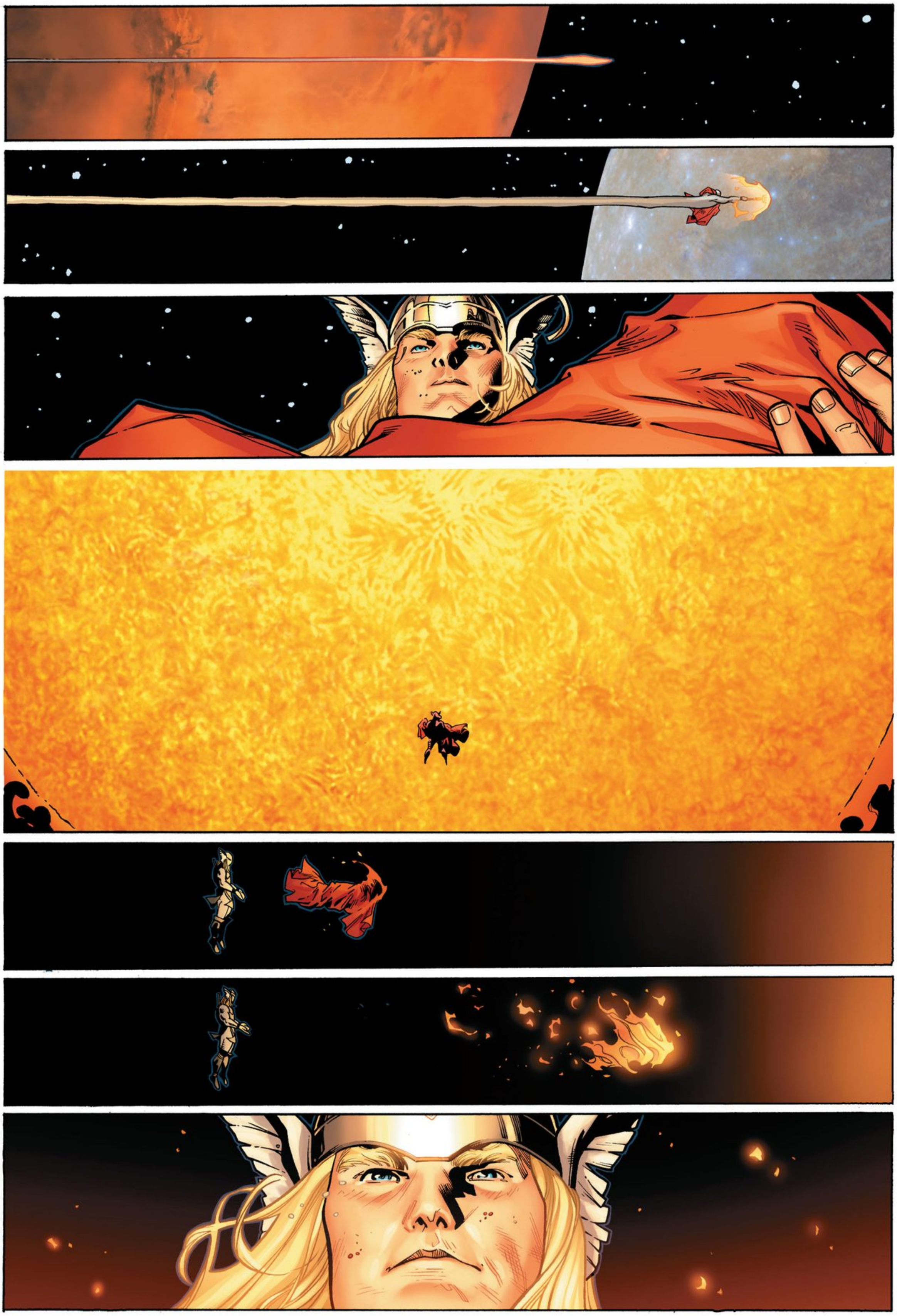
YOU'RE NOT LISTENING TO ME...

KILL ME!

WELL...

IT HAD TO BE DONE.

I WILL RETURN.



I SERVED MY COUNTRY, SAME AS ALL OF YOU.

YA KNOW, SOMETIMES IT'S NICE TO KNOW IT'S TIME TO SHUT THE #$%# UP.

OH, HEY...

HANDS OVER YOUR HEADS.

YOU PUNKS ARE OFFICIALLY WAR CRIMINALS. MAKE A MOVE AND I'LL SHOOT YA ON SIGHT.

WE'LL SEE, FURY.

TOOTS...

...YOU BET YOU WILL.

I WANT YOU PEOPLE TO PROMISE ME OSBORN PAYS FOR HIS CRIMES.

IN AN AMERICAN COURT.

HE PAYS. HE GOES TO JAIL FOR THIS.

WHAT'S ON HIS FACE?

CRAZY SAUCE.

HERE... I TOLD YOU.

THE WORLD ONLY NEEDS ONE CAPTAIN AMERICA.

AND IF I LEARNED A DAMN THING TODAY...FOR *THIS* WORLD...

...BUCKY, THAT'S YOU.

OH, STEVE, COME ON...

DO I HAVE TO PULL RANK?

WHAT ARE *YOU* GOING TO DO?

THE WHITE HOUSE.

WE'VE SEEN THE WORLD ACCORDING TO NICK FURY...

WE'VE SEEN THE WORLD ACCORDING TO TONY STARK...

AND, LORD IN HEAVEN, WE'VE SEEN THE WORLD ACCORDING TO NORMAN OSBORN.

STEVE ROGERS, CAPTAIN...

...I AM ASKING YOU TO ANSWER THE CALL.

SIR.

OSBORN AND HIS AVENGERS WILL BE PUT ON TRIAL.

H.A.M.M.E.R. WILL BE OFFICIALLY SHUT DOWN BY MORNING.

WE'VE BEGUN PEACE ACCORDS WITH THE ASGARDIANS.

AND I AM SAYING, RIGHT NOW, THE WORLD NEEDS YOU.

SIR, I...

MAYBE EVEN MORE THAN THE DAY YOU FIRST BECAME THE SUPER-SOLDIER.

I...SERVE AT THE HONOR OF MY PRESIDENT.

I HEAR A BUT.

BUT...

I'M GOING TO WANT TO DO IT MY WAY.

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AVENGERS TOWER.

HEY, DID ANY OF YOU OTHER NEW AVENGERS THINK THIS SHINDIG WAS A TRAP?

HELL, YES.

IF YOU THOUGHT IT WAS A TRAP, WHY ARE YOU GUYS HERE?

FREE BEER.

MY FRIENDS.

THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING TO THIS LONG, LONG, LONG OVERDUE GET-TOGETHER.

WE'VE ALL BEEN THROUGH A LOT THIS YEAR. WE'VE ALL LEARNED A LOT. AND I THINK WHAT WE LEARNED MOST OF ALL...

...IS HOW ***STUBBORN*** WE ALL ARE.

LITTLE JOKE THERE. NOTHING?

OKAY. TOO SOON.

THE GOVERNMENT WAS ***KIND*** ENOUGH TO GIVE ME BACK MY BUILDING AND MY ARMORY.

THOUGH WE DO HAVE TO FUMIGATE LIKE NO ONE'S BUSINESS...AND WE ***ALL*** HAVE TO FIND OUT WHERE WE FIT IN THIS NEW WORLD...

I'M SURE WE WILL ALL NEED TO SIT DOWN AND...

SON OF A--

MY FRIENDS.

IN ALL OUR TIMES TOGETHER, ALL OUR ADVENTURES...

...I WAS NEVER SO HUMBLED BUT FOR THE ACTS OF FRIENDSHIP AND BRAVERY YOU BESTOWED UPON ME AND MY ASGARDIAN BROTHERS TODAY.

WE HAVE MUCH WORK AHEAD OF US IF ASGARD IS EVER TO FIND ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE IN THE NINE REALMS.

BUT WE WANT YOU TO KNOW YOU HAVE OUR UNDYING THANKS.

AS A TOKEN OF ALL OUR GRATITUDE WE THOUGHT THERE WAS NO BETTER SYMBOL OF OUR FEELINGS TOWARDS YOU THAN THIS.

HEIMDALL?

LET IT BE.

WELL, DAMN.

I WAS GOING TO SAY "WHOA."

WHOA WOULD HAVE WORKED.

FOR NOW AND FOREVER ANYONE WHO NEEDS TO KNOW WILL KNOW.

THAT ASGARD AND EARTH ARE ALLIES.

ATTEMPT TO DEFILE ONE AND INCUR THE WRATH OF THE OTHER.

AND LET IT BE KNOWN, AVENGERS, ONE AND ALL, IF THE CALL IS GIVEN, I WILL JOIN YOUR RANKS ONCE MORE.

WELL, THAT'S GOOD NEWS...

...BECAUSE I'M GOING TO NEED ALL OF YOU FOR WHAT COMES NEXT.